

administrator". And that claim 30 requires "apparatus for adding a node and automatically updating the system". Thus the subcombinations are not distinct, and an overlapping search would seem to be required. Restriction for examination purpose between Groups I and II would hence not seem proper.

Wherefore applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement to the extent indicated.

Respectfully submitted,



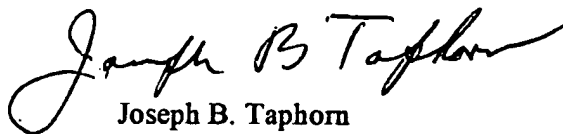
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